



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Joint Application of Asiana Airlines, Inc. and United Air Lines, Inc.
for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for an Alliance Agreement
under 49 U.S.C. §§ 41308 and 41309 (Docket OST-2003-14202)**

NOTICE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL DATES

On January 3, 2003, Asiana Airlines, Inc. ("Asiana"), United Air Lines, Inc. ("United") and their respective affiliates filed jointly for approval of and antitrust immunity for an Alliance Expansion Agreement,¹ together with exhibits.² Concurrently, Asiana and United each filed supplementary material supporting the application and motions under 14 C.F.R. 302.12 (Rule 12) seeking confidential treatment.³ On February 26, United filed additional documents and a motion for confidential treatment.⁴ The parties maintain that these documents are proprietary, commercially sensitive, and confidential in nature that qualifies them for being withheld from public disclosure. They have asked that access to this material be limited to counsel and outside experts for interested parties.⁵

We have now finished our initial review. We find that the application is now substantially complete.⁶ We will require that answers to the application be filed no later than 21 calendar days from the issue date of this Notice, and that replies be filed no later than 7 business days after the last day for filing an answer.

¹ As more fully identified in the notice served on January 21, 2003, at 1 n.1.

² On January 21, the parties filed a supplement to their application.

³ These motions are unopposed.

⁴ Answers are due on March 7.

⁵ See motions at 3. We will rule on the merits of these motions by subsequent order. By notice dated January 21, we granted immediate interim access to all documents covered by the motions, or to any subsequent materials that may be filed confidentially in this proceeding, to counsel and outside experts for interested parties, consistent with conditions agreed to by the Joint Applicants and imposed by the Department in similar recent cases. At the same time, we suspended the procedural schedule of this case, pending a determination of completeness.

⁶ We reserve the right to require the filing of additional information deemed relevant to the proceeding at any time.

We shall serve this notice on all persons on the service list for this docket.

By:

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